Gilb's Laws of Unreliability

1) Computers are unreliable, but humans are even more unreliable.
   Corollary: At the source of every error which is blamed on the computer you will find at least two human errors, including the error of blaming it on the computer.
2) Any system which depends on human reliability is unreliable.
3) The only difference between the fool and the criminal who attacks a system is that the fool attacks unpredictably and on a broader front.
7) Undetectable errors are infinite in variety, in contrast to detectable errors, which by definition are limited.
9) Investment in reliability will increase until it exceeds the probable cost of errors, or until someone insists on getting some useful work done.

Heller's Law

The first myth of management is that it exists.

Hoare's Law of Large Programs

Inside every large program is a small program struggling to get out.

Imhoff's Law

The organization of any bureaucracy is very much like a septic tank - - the REALLY big chunks always rise to the top.

Iron Law of Distribution

Them what has - gets.

John's Axiom

When your opponent is down, kick him.

John's Collateral Corollary

In order to get a loan you must first prove you don't need it.

Johnson-Laird's Law

Toothache tends to start on Saturday night.

Jones' Law

The man who can smile when things go wrong has thought of someone he can blame it on.

Jones' Motto

Friends may come and go, but enemies accumulate.

Kitman's Law

Pure drivel tends to drive off the TV screen ordinary drivel.

Laws of Computer Programming

1) Any given program, when running, is obsolete.
2) Any given program costs more and takes longer.
3) If a program is useful, it will have to be changed.
4) If a program is useless, it will have to be documented.
5) Any given program will expand to fill all available memory.
6) The value of a program is proportional to the weight of its output.
7) Program complexity grows until it exceeds the capability of the programmer who must maintain it.
8) Make it possible for programmers to write programs in English, and you will find that programmers cannot write in English.

Law of Selective Gravity (The Buttered Side Down Law)

An object will fall so as to do the most damage.

Lowery's Law

If it jams - - force it. If it breaks, it needed replacing anyway.

Dean Martin's Definition of Drunkenness

You're not drunk if you can lie on the floor without holding on.

Meskimen's Law

There's never time to do it right, but always time to do it over.

Murphy's Third Law

In any field of scientific endeavour, anything that can go wrong will go wrong.

Murphy's Law of Thermodynamics

Things get worse under pressure.